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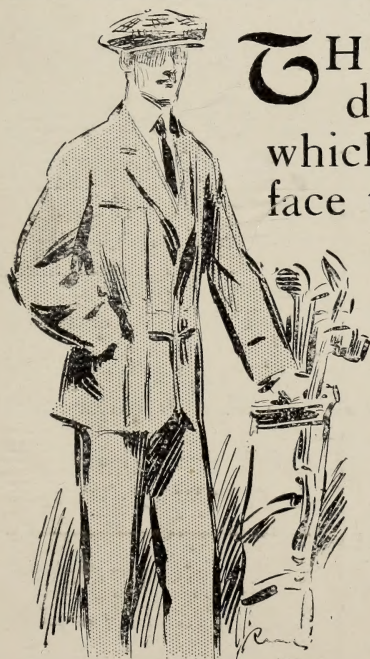
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A Christmas Carol

DURING the days when Britain and France were struggling for supremacy in America a severely wounded Indian youth was found in the woods by some colonists, and was taken by them to the goodly clergyman, who resided in a nearby village, to be given by him whatever medical attention was thought necessary: for the minister was looked upon by the white settlers as a man to remedy both their religious and physical cares; by the Indians as a "heap good medicine man."

When the native was recovering from his wounds at the little log shanty of the vicar he became restless, seldom spoke and wore a morose expression on his countenance: but when the minister's little daughter, Mary, would sing her favorite Christmas carol: "Christians, awake!" etc., his face would become kindled with a look of great pleasure, and by a gesture he would request her to sing it again.

One morning the Indian youth was found missing, having gone away without expressing a word of gratitude for his cure. Soon after this the little village was raided by a band of Ottawa's and every soul in the place massacred. It so happened, however, that at the time of the raid the vicar's little daughter was away from home on a visit to a friend of her's, who lived in another part of the settlements.

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Shortly after Pontiac had formulated that wonderful plan of his by which the hated Englishmen were to be driven out of America and as a part of this great scheme an attack was planned by the Indians on a small British outpost in what was then the "far west." They had thought to capture it without resistance, not knowing that the small garrison had recently been strengthened by the advent of a company of soldiers, who before the troubles had started were intended to garrison a new fort on the Lakes, but when news of the uprising came in, it was thought wise to leave them at this outpost. Along with this reinforcement were two lively little Irish buglers who had been "pressed" into the service years before, and who by their practical jokes served to keep the company in the best of spirits.

The chief of the Indians, who were to make this attack, was a grey-headed old savage, whose appearance would lead one to think that in his time he had passed through many wild adventures. He had, indeed, for he had served under the French during the long struggle of the Seven Years' War which had ended so disastrously to their cause.

The attack was made during the early hours of the morning, and the Indians were almost upon the place before the half-asleep sentry saw their dark forms silhouetted against the snow. The alarm was then quickly given but the red men were upon the fort by the time the tired and sleepy garrison had reached the walls. The fighting

continued fiercely for a long time and for many weary hours it looked as if the tomahawk would finally conquer the rifle.

In the previous evening when everyone but the sentries was fast asleep, the two little buglers had stolen out of the fort and climbed to the top of a neighboring hill for the double purpose of passing the night in their little snow house in a hollow at the top of the height, and of waking their comrades on Christmas morning by playing carols from this unique position.

The approach of the Indians and the desperate fight raging in the early hours of the morning were all unknown to the two sleeping players, for they were away in the kingdom of Morpheus dreaming of the days of their youth. When they awoke their first thought was of their purpose there and sitting in their little hut they made the hills and valleys re-echo with their joyous music. Among the carols played was: "Christians, awake," etc.

When this strain was heard by the old chief who was directing the attack of the savages it had an almost magical effect upon him. If anyone had noticed his countenance carefully he would have thought he was in deep meditation. This was the case, for the joyous notes of the bugles had touched some long forgotten chord in his memory. By degrees the attack of the Indians slackened and finally they withdrew as mysteriously as they had come.

During the day, however, a message was brought to the commander by an Indian youth, who announced that his chief had said, that those on whose behalf the Great Manitou had ordered that carol to be played, which had saved his life, when he had been so near death's door as a youth, were henceforth free from any attack from the tribes under his chieftainship.

By A. L. M.

The Proglacial Son

IT was cold—bitterly cold—with fine driving snow and a howling, cutting wind that went through the lonely traveller like a knife.

His fur hunting coat was fastened tightly across his chest, and the flaps of his cap were drawn down over his ears and cheeks, almost obscuring his face. His grizzled black beard was white with snow-crystals, and the rabbits he carried hung stiff with frost from his mittened hand.

He tramped on, and presently a light gleamed before him. His face brightened and he quickened his pace as he saw it, for it was a light shining from the window of his cabin home, and he knew there was a welcome for him there.

The homesteader quickly reached the cabin, and as he opened the door a gust of wind blew a shower of snow-flakes into the

room. He stepped into the glow of the log-fire burning in the grate, and throwing the rabbits on the table he said: "That's all I could find for our Christmas dinner tomorrow, Mary, but it's better than nothing." Then he took off his coat and sat down to his scanty evening meal.

Having finished, he moved to the arm chair on the hearth, and took up a month-old paper. But he could not read, and soon the paper dropped to the floor, and he sat musing. There was no sound but the crackling of the fire and the moaning of the wind, and the soft swish of his wife's movements as she busied herself with her evening tasks.

Presently a heavy sigh escaped him, and he buried his face in his hands. He remained this way for a long time, and his wife betook herself to bed, leaving him alone. Soon he looked into the dying embers of the fire and said, softly: "Just two years ago—such long, lonely years—since my boy left me. Where is he now? Oh, that I knew!" Then he leaned back in his chair, and fell into a deep, dreamless sleep, born of utter weariness. Suddenly he awoke—what was that noise? He listened intently, and it came again—a soft, muffled tapping on the door, and then a heavy thud, as of someone falling.

He rose slowly from his chair, for his limbs were stiff with cold, and went to the door. He opened it and stepped out, and in the dim light of early dawn he discerned the prone figure of a man on the snow in front of the door. Quickly he roused his wife and got a lantern, and taking a flask of brandy went out to the stranger. The man was muffled in furs, and it was with difficulty that the homesteader poured a few drops of brandy between the cold lips of the unconscious man. By this time Mary had come out, and between them they half dragged, half lifted the helpless man into the house and onto the bed. In a few minutes the stranger showed signs of life, and feebly opening his eyes he gazed at the blazing fire. The homesteader came up to the bed, and stopped short, then he fell on his knees by the bedside—

"My son!"

"My father!"

Just at that moment the clouds lifted, and the sun shone brightly in through the window upon the group at the bedside. And a great thankfulness welled up from the hearts of all three,—mother, father, and restored son—and shone in their eyes, and there was rejoicing in the lone cabin on that joyous Christmas morn.

N. G. C.

English Teacher (after examining papers)—"You can bluff some people all the time; you can bluff all the people some of the time, but you can't bluff all the people all the time; and I'm one you can't bluff in English.—Ex.

ADIEU! ADIEU!

We're sitting on the same school desks
Placed neatly side by side;
We hope our term of using them
Will end this Christmas tide.
We hope no more to see these walls,
These rambling stairs to mount,
And oh! how eagerly each one
The days ere moving count.

We're very busy now, old school,
For exams must ever be,
But oh! we hope a lovely room
Will be for Matric "C."
We think it really ought to have
The best room in the place,
'Twill comfort those poor brainless things
And fearful odds they'll face.

We're bidding you a long farewell,
Ungrateful it sounds 'tis true,
We'll not forget your plainness
In the one we're going to.
They say there are swimming baths and gyms,
And all is lovely there,
But we'll not forget your plainness
If it's fifty times so fair.

And when amid those grand new walls,
We'll sit and close our eyes,
Our brains will rove (they sometimes do!)
To where your structure lies.
We'll think we'll see diminutives
A-sitting side by side,
In the dingy halls and inspiring walls
We leave this Christmas-tide.

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"Polly" is still passing that advertisement of her favorite brand around the room.

Miss Fl—— will favor us with a lecture on "Several Freaks in Coughs." She will give illustrations to throw a light on her arguments.

Miss Mercer has the mistaken idea that when a person emigrates he goes to the hot country.



EDITORIAL

The Camosun wishes all its readers and patrons a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

WE are very pleased to be able to present our readers with three more pages of reading matter in this and succeeding issues. This means a substantial increase in the cost of the paper, but something less than half of this is brought in by another page of "ads."

A number of Christmas stories and poems were handed in for the Christmas issue of the "Camosun." Stories were written by the Misses Eileen Cass, Norma Clarke, and Marion Service, and by A. L. Marshall. The Misses Ellen O'Brien, Marion Service, Sadie Finland, and Hazel Sargent contributed poems. Drawings are acknowledged from Misses Elsie Creeden, Sibyl Hardwick, Helen Farquharson, and also from Don Dickinson.

Carol Hazeltine, last year's staff artist, drew the cover design of last issue, very cleverly adapting the significance of the name of our paper to the drawing. The word "Camosun" was the old Indian name for Victoria when the Hudson's Bay traders first visited it, and it meant "a running stream." The drawing of the Indians in their canoe on the stream brought this meaning out very clearly. The staff is indebted to Hazeltine for his contribution of last month and also of this month's cover design.

You read the story, glance at the editorials, laugh at society, snort at the jokes, gaze at the rest and peruse the newstand; but what of the advertisements? They, the life-blood of the Camosun, full of pictures and cuts, are past over with a sigh, a long sigh, the sigh of a lost soul. Remember, they are the result of days, nay, weeks work on the part of some of the staff, and yet,—yet,—a sigh. Buy from our advertisers, tell them where you belong and although, we admit a halo of learning(which varies from a verdant green to a royal purple) shines on your brow; tell them you saw their ad. in the "Camosun,"

for to the uninitiated this is not visible and they often judge you by your feet. So tell the world who you are and what you are and help your paper along.

During the past month we have had a visit from High School Inspector MacLaurin, who saw each class in action and, we hope, went away impressed with our learning. This is an event in the High School Year and, doubtless the pupils rose to the occasion.

The Victoria High School is certainly becoming more artistic as time goes on. The annual Thanksgiving offering was again taken up by Mr. Wood and the result was the reproduction of the painting of a cornfield which now graces the walls of Preliminary B. Besides this the school is the recipient of a gift in the form of a reproduction of Morland's "Inside of a Stable," which hangs on the walls of the National Gallery at London. The painting is an exact replica of the original, even to the frame, and it has been made by a special, newly-discovered process. The picture was presented by Mrs. J. B. Watson of Skinner street, whose son is now in Mr. Wood's room, and we feel sure that the pupils, as well as the teachers, are very much indebted to Mrs. Watson for the gift.

When the results of the midsummer examinations first came out, Miss Ella Jackson was named as the winner of the medal, for leading the Dominion. Later it was found, that a mistake had been made in the correction of the papers, which, when rectified, put Robert O'Meara at the head of the list. To compensate Miss Jackson, to some degree, for her disappointment, her teachers of last year presented her, through Mr. Paul, three handsome volumes called "The Ring of the Niblung," beautifully illustrated by Arthur Rackham.

Western students and graduates of McGill University cannot but feel proud of the success the College Rugby team at Montreal has met with this year again. This is the second year "Old McGill" has won the championship in the senior "Canadian" football league.

In order to arouse more interest in sports this year a sign of merit is to be awarded to all those who reach a certain degree of proficiency in any line of athletics. The prize is a shield-shaped badge with the initials V. H. S. on it in monogram form, in yellow, against a black background. It is hoped that this will stimulate a new interest in this year's games and that many will qualify for this distinction.

Considerable disappointment is felt by our students over the action of the Vancouver High School in objecting to the two trips a year which our teams have been accustomed to make in the past.

PAY IN ADVANCE CAMPAIGN

The campaign instituted by the Business Board of the "Camosun" to obtain subscriptions in advance proved very successful,—in spite of the talk of financial stringency that is current at present. As a result 294 have paid their dollar in advance; the rest of the school preferring to buy the paper monthly. With this definite sum at hand the expenditure of the year can be better regulated than in the past. As will be seen by reference to the following table Jun. C and Prelim. A have done especially well, and their reporters, Utley Terry and Mabel Atherton, are to be congratulated. As each reporter and member of the Editorial Board receives a free copy, some classes have not quite so large a percentage as they otherwise would have:

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Prel. E	20	37
Com. A	3	24
Com. B	14	40
Others	3	..
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Ray Brewster, last year's business manager of the Camosun, has returned from Clayoquot and has entered the office of Dr. Dier.

THE COLLEGE GIRLS' LITERARY CLUB

The first meeting of the College Girls' Literary Club was held at the Y. W. C. A. on November 12. The following officers were appointed: President, Miss Smith; Vice-President, Miss Kinnard; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Pollock; Executive Committee, the Misses Jackson, Archibald, and Hume. As very few were able to attend, the program which had been arranged was not given, and an enjoyable evening was spent.



Robert Hamilton, Secretary

Moving Pictures

THE seventh meeting of the session was held on November 5th. The subject for debate was "Resolved that moving pictures are more of an evil than a good." The speakers—K. Terry and K. John on the affirmative with R. Graham and H. Roe on the negative, provided a much appreciated debate. The judges, Messrs. Clark, Strachan and Wood, rendered a decision in favor of the negative.

Single Tax

"Resolved that single tax is in the best interests of Canada." A great deal of interest was shown by the members in this, as it is a subject which directly concerned them as future citizens of Canada. The affirmative was upheld by P. McPherson and Parfitt, the negative by L. Fairbairn and Gale. Messrs. Armstrong and Yates, the judges, decided in favor of the negative.

Shakespeare vs. Bacon

On Wednesday, November 19th, a debate was held dealing with a literary question which is being discussed by many learned philosophers at the present time—"Resolved that the works of Shakespeare should be attributed to Bacon." The affirmative was supported by G. Campbell and C. Leigh, the negative by C. Sears and Campbell Sanson. A decision in favor of the affirmative was given by the judges, Miss Burris, Miss Cann and Mr. Hope.

Supreme Court

The meeting of November 26th will rest in the minds of the boys for a long time to come, if one may judge by the comments and enthusiasm. Being a Canadian subject the boys became enthusiastic and it was 5.30 before the meeting adjourned. The subject was—"Resolved that the Supreme Court of Canada should be the final Court to appeal. On the affirmative were A. McBride and G. Wheeler; on the negative P. Clyde and F. Young. The debate was of a high order and it was so close that the judges, Messrs. Andrews, MacDonald and Strachan, rendered a decision in favor of the affirmative by three-quarters of a mark. The after-discussion was interesting, if not to say, heated, and judges and officers alike discarded their dignity to express their views in vehement speeches and

refutations. After an only too short time, the regular meeting adjourned, after which the many excited groups in the room testified that impromptu debate was in order.

Qualify for Gold Pins of Merit

Some members have obtained at this early date a percentage of seventy or over in a debate in which they have been a speaker. This qualifies them under one of the three headings for their pin of distinction awarded by the faculty. It is also necessary to excel in impromptu speaking and to attend two-thirds of the meetings. The successful members to date are:—Arthur McBride, Jun. C; Kenneth Gillie, Matric. B; Strother Foulkes, Prel. A; Harold Roe, Jun. A; and L. E. Fairbairn, Prel. E; R. Parfitt, Prel. B.

“The Portia”

Mary Ellen O'Brien, Secretary

THE third meeting of the Girls' Debating Society was held on November 12th. A committee brought names before the Club and “Portia” was chosen as a suitable name for the Society. The subject under discussion was, “Resolved that women should not enter Law.” Misses Madeline Bradshaw and Alexia Brown upheld the affirmative and Misses Maude Christie and Gladys Steinmetz, the negative side. The girls all deserve special praise for their forcible delivery which has been somewhat lacking in previous debates. The arguments were all excellent and the various speakers handled their points with ease. The affirmative dwelt upon the sphere of woman, while the negative raised a plea for fair play which was so convincing that the judges, Mr. H. Smith and Mr. A. Smith rendered a decision in their favour.

Wednesday, November 25th, “The Portia” debate, “Resolved that City Life is more conducive to Happiness than Country Life in Canada,” was given in Miss Cann's room. Misses Norma Clark and Edna Marwick upheld the affirmative, while Misses Nellie Hill and Hazel Eagle took the negative side. Miss Hill's speech deserves special mention because her arguments were especially good and her manner of address was excellent. She dwelt with the country as the place for the formation of character, that which makes us individuals. Education, morals and health were also introduced. Miss Cann and Miss Henry, who acted as judges, decided in favour of the affirmative.

As the next meeting will be held just before the Christmas examinations it has been decided to postpone the debate set for that day until January. Instead of the usual proceedings, members will be called upon to give five-minute speeches on their favorite subject. Some individual and interesting ideas are expected and the members are asked to volunteer their services.

SOCIETY.



THE annual dance of the Athletic Association of McGill University was a very great success this year. It was held in the Alexandra Club on Tuesday, November the eighteenth, under the kind patronage of Mrs. M. Jenkins, Mrs. Alex. Robinson, Mrs. Geo. Jay, Mrs. S. J. Willis, and Mrs. W. H. Wood. The reception committee was composed of President Willis and members of the faculty, who exerted themselves to make the evening pleasant for all. The general committee, Mr. F. G. C. Wood, the Misses I. Gordon, D. Halliday, and G. Scott, and Messrs. Shearman, Yuill and Wallis, made themselves conspicuous by good work. The decoration committee, Misses I. Gordon and B. Hastie, and Messrs. Kerr and Hickey, arrayed the hall beautifully with pennants, and made the supper room very attractive in a color scheme of red and white. The refreshment committee, Miss Archibald, Miss Scott and Mr. Wallis, worked hard under Miss Henry's able direction, and a dainty supper was the result of their labours. Miss Thain's orchestra provided the music. The "extras" played by Mr. Russell and Miss Gordon were much appreciated. There were about three hundred present, many of whom were old McGill and High School students. Among those present were:—Mrs. (Dr.) Green, Mrs. W. G. W. Fortune, Mrs. J. H. Gordon, Mrs. A. D. Taylor, Mrs. Wallis, Mrs. W. A. Jameson. The Misses Mess, Dumbleton, Green, Lyle Green, C. Cowan (Sarnia), K. Sehl, Carlin, J. Denovan, M. Clay, H. Clay, P. Reid, M. Meredith, L. Nicholles, D. Moore, V. Trenchard, M. Sparks, F. Munsie, E. Elsworthy, MacEachern, H. Platt, E. Gonnason, Fleming, Roberts, J. Kent, I. Malloy, I. Owen, F. Watt, V. Hume, M. Clark, J. Gordon, D. Kingham, Z. Ormond, M. MacKinnon, A. Chatterton, I. Duck, M. Mutrie, J. Halliday, M. McConnell, G. Ramlose, I. Todd, G. Vincent, D. Taylor, M. Taylor, M. Campbell, M. Scott, B. Hastie, V. Watson, I. Terry, I. Gordon, D. Halliday, L. Archibald, D. Hay, G. Scott, V. Harman, M. Harman, G. Burrill, E. Jackson, G. Pauly; Messrs. R. Meredith, W. J. Milligan, H. Morden, R. Elworthy, H. Beasley, R. Day, H. Wootton, J. Greig, R. Taylor, R. Boyd, F. Archibald, H. E. Whyte, Dr. Briggs, D. Hodson, S. Bergmann, H. Paul, R. Litchfield, V. Stevens, J. Clay, Swan, McPherson, H. E. Talbot, Ed. Copas, C. Emery, N. Flitton, S. Yuill, F. Kerr, Floyd,

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Mrs. Hay, Dallas road, gave a surprise party on Saturday, November the twenty-second, for her daughter Dorothea in honor of her birthday. At five o'clock about twenty guests, several of whom were college friends, assembled to congratulate a very surprised hostess. An enjoyable tea was served, after which the evening was spent in games and dancing. Much amusement was caused by Dorothea dancing the "Highland Fling" in Scotch costume. Later on refreshments were served and the happy evening came to a close about midnight.

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The Varsity Club are giving a dance on the evening of December 22nd, at the Connaught Hall. Each member of the Club has the privilege of bringing two friends. A pleasant event is anticipated as fancy dress is to be the order of the evening. Miss Thain's orchestra has been engaged and Miss Monteith and Mr. F. G. C. Wood are kindly taking charge of the affair. The names of the chaperones will be announced later.

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On Thursday night, November 27th, Miss Jean Cameron entertained a number of her friends at her home on Superior street. An extremely pleasant evening was spent by all, in dancing. Those present included the Misses Gertrude and Bessie Scott, Dorothy Kingham, Edith and Gladys MacDonald, Zalba Ormond, Ada Chatterton, Hazel McConnell, Dorothy and Marjorie Taylor, Ileen McBride, Margaret Hardie, Dorothy Moore, Mildred Sparks, Edith and Norah Edwards and Donna Kerr and the Messrs. Walton Gilbert, Leonard and Arthur McBride, Tom Boyston, Allan Roberts, Gilling Scott, Forrest Kerr, Douglas Taylor, Percy Forbes, Kenneth Greig, Aubrey Jones, Eddie and Fred Copas, Donald Hodsdon, Fred Durrick and Utley Terry.

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Miss Cann gave a very enjoyable tea on the afternoon of Friday, November 21st, at "The Rocabella" to the members of the Executive of the Portia Debating Society—Miss Todd, Miss McConnell, Miss O'Brien, Miss Sargeant and Miss Cass.

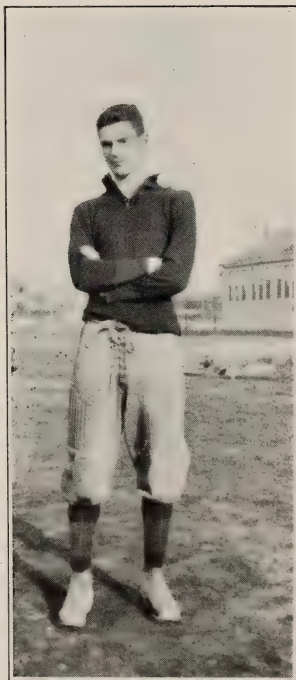
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The many friends of Carlton Hannington learn with much regret of his illness in Montreal. At the Royal Victoria Hospital he underwent an operation for appendicitis, from which he is now doing as well as can be expected.



Rugby

THE High School won the second game, which was played by them, in the City Intermediate League, from the J.B.A.A., by the score of five to three. This game was very bitterly contested, as the score indicates, High School not scoring until time was nearly up. The teams were very evenly matched, although the J. B. A. A. had a little more weight in the forward line. In the first half the High School carried the play into the Bays' territory but it came right back. The High's three-quarters were working nicely and some good plays resulted, while the Bays depended chiefly on their forwards to win the game. High School was playing down hill and had the wind with them, but they seemed to be unable to come through with a score. The Bays could not chalk up any points either and so the half ended with no score by either side. In the second half the Bays kept the play more in the High School territory than the High School did in their's. They pulled off some nice dribbling and were very near scoring a number of times. A little later a free kick was awarded them which was dropped very nicely over the bar but was not allowed by the referee on account of one of their men being in front of the hall when it was kicked. After keeping the play near near our line for some time the Bays finally got over for a try. After great deliberation among themselves one of their number was selected to push the pigskin over the bar and he kicked it about half way to the goal. Now the High School "braves" got going and pressed the Bays hard. Cutler picked the ball up as it came from



GORDON CAMPBELL
Captain Senior Rugby Team

a scrum and ran half the length of the field before he was compelled to kick for touch. About three minutes from time Dick Wallis, securing the ball from a fine three-quarters run, raced through nearly the whole Bay team and scored a try. Concerning this play some people say that it is a good thing that Dick has no conscience, but be that as it may the try counted. Although this was from a difficult angle and the wind being unfavourable too, Len McBride converted this try beautifully. This was the last score by either side and V. H. S. was victorious—five to three.

On Saturday, November fifteenth High School played the McGill College junior team of Vancouver. This contest was won by the Vancouver contingent, the score being six to three. The High School carried the play in the first of the game to McGill's twenty-five and for a time kept it there. Gradually the play was forced back into High School territory. Then our men got the ball from a scrum and despite the sloppy condition of the ground, for the game was played in a pouring rain, a good three-quarters run resulted before the ball was forced into touch. From the line-out the High School forwards secured the ball and putting it at their feet they dribbled it for a good gain. McGill now began to get in some good work and were bringing the ball dangerously near our line. Then from a mix-up near the line a McGill player got over for a try. This was in a most disadvantageous position and as the ball was wet and heavy the kick failed. The score now stood three to nothing for McGill. Now High School seemed to work harder than ever. They were now threatening McGill's line even as McGill had threatened their's. They got over the line too but a McGill player fell on the ball. Again from McGill's twenty-five they kept the ball near the line and at last "trust-buster" Spinks pushed his ponderous bulk over the line for a try. Len McBride failed to convert this for the same reasons as McGill. With this the half ended—score three all. In the second half for a while High School still showed their old vim, but the play after a while went into High School's half and for the greater part of the game it stayed there. Seldom did the High School "braves" pass centre and when they did they were immediately pulled down. Once, however, McBride, securing the ball from a line-out, dribbled it right to McGill's twenty-five, but as there was no one to back him up he got no further. Again the ball came back towards the High School line and again McGill threatened to get over. Several times they nearly scored and would have only for the good playing of Steele at full-back. Time after time he stopped dribbling rushes by falling on the ball at the very feet of the opposing side. High School were playing a very fine defence game, but McGill were getting nearer and nearer to the line. Several times the ball was kicked over but it was either touched down by a High School man or it went out of play. High School now carried the play towards McGill's line a little by a good kick to touch by Steele, but from the line out a McGill player put the ball at his feet and dribbled it over the line for a try. Although

he touched the ball down right between the posts their kick failed, the ball hitting one of the uprights. No further score was made and McGill won a hard fought game—six to three.

On Saturday, November 22, two of the famous All-Black Rugby team, Messrs. Graham and Roberts, came up to the school and showed the team some of their tactics. There has not been a chance to try these out yet, but they will no doubt strengthen the High School team somewhat.

Grass Hockey

An inter-class series has been arranged this year among the boys in grass hockey. Three teams compose the league, one from the Matrics, one from the Juniors, one from the Prelims. The first game of this series was won by the Prelims from the Matrics by a score of two to nothing. The Prelims had by far the best of the play, but it may be said in defence of the Matrics that they had not their best team out as some had gone to a rugby practise. The teams lined up as follows: Prelims—Goal, Foulkes; full-backs, Wood and Mittlestadt; half-backs, Davy, Scott, McIntosh; forwards, Moffat, Munroe, Newitt, Mansell and Watson. Matrics—Goal, Smith; full-backs, Marshall and Sommerville; half-backs, Gillie and Wyllie; forwards, Sears, Dean, Leigh, Inches and Armstrong.

The second game was won by the Prelims from the Juniors. In this game the Juniors never had much of a chance, the Prelims being nearly always near their goal. The score in this game was three to one. The Juniors team was:—Goal, Wills; full-backs, Hardwick, Hamilton; half-backs, Coldwell, Sivertz, Wheeler; forwards, A. McBride, Smethhurst, D. Heyland, Hopkins, Roe.

The third game was won by the Matrics from the Juniors by a score of three to one. The Juniors played the same team as in their first game, but the Matrics altered thier line-up somewhat.

This series is to be continued until each team has played the other two three times. It would seem that the other teams had better get busy if they don't want the Prelims to walk off with the honors.

JUNIOR A

It is quite evident that Harold is excited. Such a strange thing in a youth of his character. For the last two or three days he has been amusing himself with a miniature lassoo. Perhaps he is expecting a cowboy's outfit. What strange fancies some of our promising youths have!

Wilson is facing the situation with a calmness brought on by sheer desperation. He knows that if he doesn't get that cheque for ten thousand he will be a gonner, but still there is some chances on a gasoline engine.



Battalion Orders by Major L. S. Yuill, Commanding No. 112, C. B.

Headquarters, Victoria High School,
Victoria, B. C., November 27, 1913.

Promotions—

On the staff, pending appointment from Ottawa:

To be Adjutant Capt. R. Wallis

The following appointments will date from November 1st, 1913:

To be B. S. M. Sergt. A. McBride

To be Sergt. "A" Co. Cadet D. Heyland

To be Corporals—"A" Co. Cadet V. Noble

"B" Co. Cadet G. Bennett

"C" Co. Cadet H. Davenport

"C" Co. Cadet H. Cross

"C" Co. Cadet C. Clark

To be Lance-Corps., "C" Co. Cadets J. Watson, W. Rosin

(Signed)

R. WALLIS,

Captain and Adjutant.

Daughters of Empire Offer Cup and Rifle

This year the Camosun Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire have renewed their offer of a Rifle for the best shot, and in addition have offered a cup for the best drilled company in the Battalion. This cup is to be kept by the winning company until some other company is given first place. This is to replace the medal which was won last year by Lieut. Gale and which is to be presented at the opening of the new High School.

Strathcona Fund Grant

The Battalion has just received from the secretary of the Strathcona Trust a grant of \$20 for general efficiency and \$22.50 first special prize in British Columbia for the best drilled Cadet Corps.

Scores at Clover Point

On the 7th the final shoot of this season was held at Clover Point Range. The following are some of the best scores out of a possible of 35:—Corp. Bennet, 29; Major L. S. Yuill, 28; Sergt. Hardwick, 28; Lieut. Harvey, 26; Cadet M. Scott, 26; Cadet Dawson, 25; Capt. Terry, 24; Cadet Watson, 24; Cadet Wooton, 24; Cadet Carver, 23; Sergt. Milloy, 21; Sergt. Savannah, 21; Cadet Gee, 21; Cadet Scott, 21; Cadet Burns, 20; Cadet Gilbert, 20.

On account of wet weather shooting at Clover Point has been discontinued but an indoor range will be secured for the winter. A team of 12 has been entered in the C. R. L. Gallery competition, one match to be shot each month. All Cadets should turn out to the gallery practise in order to qualify for a place on this team. The scores made in gallery practise, as well as those at Clover Point, count for the prizes at the end of the year, the three best scores being taken from each.

What would happen to Junior D if:—

Miss Pusey's freckles did not match her hair?

Miss Kingham was not always looking at the boys?

Miss Beane talked in school?

Miss King couldn't answer a question?

Miss Owen couldn't make faces?

Miss Dowsett smiled when answering a question?

Malloy's hair wasn't red?

Winterburn answered a question in Geometry?

Meston knew anything?

Hall's legs could get under his desk?

MacDiarmid took Miss B's advice and "minded his own business."

Cameron didn't have a pompadour or rather an attempt at one.

Dear Santa Claus:—

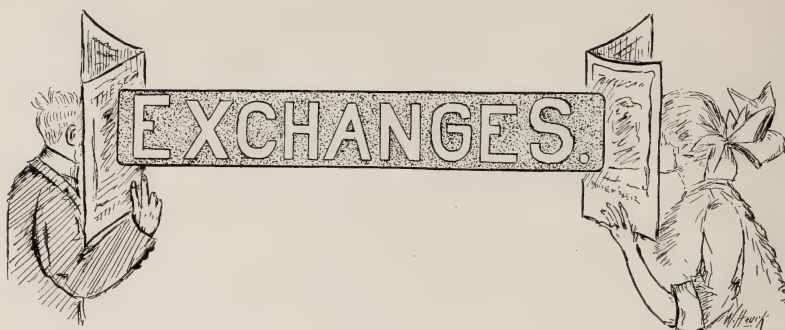
We have been very good girls and boys, so would you please bring for Xmas, Miss Pusey a hair tonic, Miss Little some talcum powder, Miss Hammill "Mother's advice how to raise children," and Miss McQuarrie a book of etiquette.?

For the boys dear Santa Claus bring Meston a dime novel, Winsby a book of Euclid's axioms and definitions, McDiarmid a bottle and a book of etiquette, Malloy a wig, Hall and Cameron each a French without tears, John and Leshgold a book entitled "How to Stand Straight," and Kershaw a bow-tie.

Hoping this reaches you in time, I remain, Santa Claus,

Yours truly,

JUNIOR D.



WE have received several very fine papers this month to note in our exchanges. They are, we think, in some respects, better than those which we received from the same High Schools last year, which plainly shows that the staffs of the many papers are endeavoring to improve their magazines.

The Erisophian—You have a creditable magazine in many respects. We are glad to read in your editorials that you are developing school spirit. This is one of the essentials of any school if it is to be of real value to its students.

McMaster University Monthly—We are very glad indeed to have received the October number for 1913. Your magazine is well edited and is a credit to your university. The paper might, however, be brightened by introducing an occasional cut.

Hyde Park Weekly—The cartoons in your issues are very well done, and the football number was much improved by the splendid cuts of the teams. Your page for "The Jay" is also in many instances rather original. On the average the matter of your magazine is very good, but we do think that the form of it might be somewhat improved upon.

The Tahoma is one of the best papers we have received. Your cuts and headings are all well done, and the general form of your magazine shows ability and care in its construction. One thing is certain,—that you certainly have a number of humorous and clever poets. We shall be very much pleased to again receive your paper.

The Scrip—You certainly have a very fine paper, one that your High School may well be proud of. Your editorials are well written and the opening story, "A High School Fantasy," is a clever piece of work. The theme of it is an old one, but the writer has given it a local setting and has treated it in an original manner. Come again.

The Scarlet and Gray—Your paper this month is not up to the standard of the October number. The form and type of it is very good, but the matter in many ways might be improved. However, the appearance of your magazine in some respects counteracts the lack of better material.



FIRST YEAR ARTS

By Missispankurst

FOR the first time since there has been a branch of McGill College in Victoria, the First Year Arts class has adopted the custom of McGill, Montreal, and has organized itself. The students have given expression to their confidence in Mr. Shearman's ability, by appointing him President.

Professor—"Now look here. Suppose I stand on this side of the room, and you be, if you like, a barn, and let any kind of a noise be coming from the blackboard. Now to my ear the noise will appear to come from the barn (i.e. the class), whereas it really comes from the blackboard. Therefore, we may draw the conclusion, that we must not believe all we hear, for it may come round a corner."

"What's in a name?" Whether "Sweet Auburn" or "Pink." "A man's a man for a' that."

Girls—Wanted, someone to stoke the fire with references and experience.—Apply within. (Within what?—the fire).

Why does the piano not respond to our President's tuneful voice?

Stop!—Look!—Listen!—Grand tea-pot parade on the double trot, every morning, except Saturdays and Sundays, at 9 hr. 15' 5".

Enquiry—"Who is Papa?"

Another—Who's "Maggie"?

Professor, turning from the board, finds Yuill sitting on the floor and remarks:—"You are not the only great man, who has fallen!"

"Wherefore rejoice? What holidays are near?"

MATRIC. A

"A Tale of Christmas"

Alandro Smikatacio presents the Perriculations Opera Company in "A Tale of Christmas."

Programme

"Sweet Memories" Jone Marshalanio
 "Yule-tide Visions" Muttis Davis
 "Me Duce" Obi Redini

(Refrains by the Company)

(Refrain as curtain ascends)

All hail the time, the Christmas chime,
With sleigh-bells gayly ringing;
And be of cheer, this day o' the year,
For all the world is singing.

(Marshallino sings):

The happy Christmas time draws nigh,
The world is bright though dark the sky;
And as the snow-flakes gently fall,
To deck in white each tree and wall
Sweet memories flood my weary brain,
And wake a long-forgotten frain
Of Yule-tide scenes and winter joys,
And frolics with the girls and boys—
All sweet, even yet, they are to me,
The holly and the Christmas tree.

Refrain: All hail the time, etc.

(Exit Marshallino with a bouquet of cabbages).

(Davis sings):

As here I sit, my clay pipe lit,
Beside this ever-cheering fire,
I hear behind, the whistling wind,
Like fairy notes on stringed lyre;
And now I see a Christmas tree,
All dressed with many candles bright;
O blessed dream! O joyous sight!!

Refrain: All hail the time, etc.

(Exit Davis with a crate of lemons).

(Redini sings):

I prithee tell me layde fair,
(addressing a witch making soup)
The road that leads to yonder shrine,
That I may'st bury sorrow there
In revelrie and Mamsy wine;
For I, of late, this Christmas time,
Am full sore grieved of many things:
Stern wisdom chants a mournful rhyme,
And luring Folly her carol sings—
So lead me to yon holy pile,—
A Yule-tide monk of St. Mary's Isle.

Refrain: All hail the time, etc., (as the
witch leads Redini away)

Curtain.

MATRIC. B

Some Xmas presents suggested for:

L-n-n:—A lounge.

Mc——:—A new set of brains for French.

Miss Johnson:—A pair of fowls.

Rose:—Curling tongs.

S—s:—A drum to keep him awake.

Teresa:—Lemons.

Miss O'Sullivan:—A megaphone.

McLean:—Scissors.

Miss Eagle:—A high chair with leather straps.

Miss Harris:—A bottle of anti-blush.

Marjorie:—A boy doll.

Donna:—Some laughing gas to make her smile for Xmas.

Teacher:—If a lighted candle is put in a kettle of air, it contains to burn brightly." (Puts candle in the bottle upside down, thereupon prompt extinction of candle).

Class:—"Oh!" (Laughter).

If Sanson is a staunch inebriate, Matric B are willing to subscribe a \$10 gold piece to make some "Gold Chloride."

Miss Johnson—"If we study chickens, we will find that they resemble men and women to a great extent; for the hen is thoughtful, loving and persevering, whilst the rooster is selfish, vain, and fond of show." (Suppressed indignation of the boys).

JUNIOR A

First Youth—"Hall seems to be quite despondent."

Second Youth—"Do you think so!"

First Youth—"Oh, yes, I'm sure of it. You know he is going to leave school in about two weeks."

Second Youth—"What's that got to do with it?"

First Youth—"He is going in for politics."

Second Youth—"Oh, I see."

"Our intelligent and somewhat lofty-minded friend Brown is quite upset over something or other, and I know the reason of it. I'm going to tell you because I see you are a sensible person. You are reading the "Camosun." He is so certain that his stocking is not large enough to hold a big drum which he is sure he is going to get, that he is seriously considering the purchase of a new one."

Davis:—"I never thought much of a Santa Claus anyway."

Savannah:—"How's that?"

Davis:—"Last Xmas (you know I was a Prelim. then), I asked him for a crib to West's Grammar and I never got it."

Savannah:—"I can't see any reason in that. You know you can't expect the poor fellow to know quite everything."

How the near approach of Christmas affects Junior A:

Kathrine never could keep still, but now, well—the less said the better.

“Don’t you think that Hazel looks the least bit excited?” “On the contrary, I think she is quite calm, but after all you know it all depends on “Ham.”

Madeline is in an undecided state of mind. Somebody told her the other day that there was no Santa Claus and she really half believed him.

Sadie’s mind is all in a whirl. She doesn’t know which she wants the most, a doll or a doll’s house.

JUNIOR B

December 26, 1913—Contrary to expectations a very timely visit was made, by Santa Claus, to Junior B last night. Among the many who were favored by remembrances at the hand of good old Saint Nick was Miss McIntyre, who received a pair of skates and a pair of water wings accompanied by the suggestion that she would now be able to play basket-ball in any weather. Miss Fletcher was made happy by the receipt of a nice, large, snug, cozy, warm Indian blanket, and is now indifferent as to whether the new High School is to be heated by the latest heating appliances or an oil stove. Also there is now suspended from the ceiling, by an elastic, a big, soft rubber eraser, where it can be reached with ease by either Edna, Eleanor, Funny-face or Madame President.

A box of school supplies received by Miss Cavin will render unnecessary the frequent calls on Mr. Willis during study period; and the stock of school paper will now not diminish so rapidly since a lovely box of note-paper has been left to Miss Howard.

A paraphrase of “She was a Phantom of Delight,” by Miss A. Evans:—

“Wordsworth says that Mary Hutchinson was a spirit when he first saw her, sort of a phantom like. Then when he knew her better she wasn’t quite so much of a spirit. Then when he married her he said she was born to command and wasn’t very much of a spirit at all anymore.”

How is this for Grammar?—Miss McL. on being asked for the place (in Latin translation). “I don’t know, for I lost it in the book while I was looking at you on the board, and I forgot where I was.”

A committee from Junior B has been appointed to interview the School Board relative to a few needed improvements which we wish to have installed in the new High School. They are as follows:

(1) The occupant of the fifth seat in the next to the last row, wishes that a folding-bed be provided instead of her ordinary seat.

(2) We also wish a telephone, or at least a speaking tube, be established between Miss Cochrane and Miss Brethour.

(3) Then we suggest that a moving starway be put into the new High School, for the convenience of Miss Fraser.

JUNIOR C

The following verse has been suggested to us by a poet (?) of Junior C, as an epitaph for the tombstone of one of our energetic and capable scientists, who, it is predicted, will meet an untimely end by experimenting in his favorite study:—

“Here lies the body of Percy Wills,
We ne’er shall see him more.
Who, instead of drinking pure H_2O
Took by mistake H_2SO_4 .”

PRELIM. “A”

Miner Harkness should begin to form some resolutions as: To always learn his lessons, especially French; to never be late; to never talk in school.

The Raving

It was on a midnight dreary; that the Old Year weak and weary,
Took his satchel and umbrella, and departed from my door.
As he went I watched him sadly for a moment missed him badly,
And then fell to writing madly resolutions by the score,
Writing New Year’s resolutions that I’ve written oft before
And shall write a few times more.

Ah, distinctly I remember it was only last December
That I revelled in a thoughtless whirl of gaieties galore.
Every hour was blithe and jolly, full of laughter, full of folly,
And the mistletoe and holly decorated every door.

Oh, my merry worldly pleasure shall ye never know me more?
Wail the echoes, “Nevermore!”

Yes, frivolity’s forsaken, and a solemn oath I’ve taken
To be sober and sedate and saintly, now and evermore,
No more cribs or Latin ponies, no more hooking with my cronies,
Everlasting grind and bone is now my creed forevermore!
So farewell, my former follies, I am done with days of yore
And grim Duty leads before.

An addition to the list of Wild Animals I Have Known” may be obtained from M. H.—Prel. “A.”

We all wonder if any person in the V. H. S. has heard a sound which resembles the tinkling of a bell. If so please report to Mona M. It used to be part of what is known as her voice.

Said our little student Davey:
“Santa Claus is coming soon.
I must write and tell him nicely
That I want a big balloon.
Also that I want a toy shop
An’ a candy store, so dear,
An’ a box of baby bunnies
That is all I want this year.

Chivalry is an outstanding feature in French.

PRELIMINARY "B"

The season of Christmas has once more come round and the Mayor and Council have found that they cannot expend all the funds they have in hand for the new High School; there being sufficient hot, cold, shower and swimming baths, and no more marble columns or flooring being required, they have therefore decided to pick out the most studious class in the school for a special Christmas bonus. The teachers decided without a dissenting vote that Prelim. "B" was worthy to receive the honor. A few suggestions as to suitable gifts for our class are made as follows:—

For Copas—A book on "Strength" and one large packet of "Force."

As Parfitt is a great machinist a new kind of toy which contains many wheels, handles, etc., for use chiefly in Room 13, would be very suitable.

For Hay, a large Latin Dictionary and a copy of "Cicero's De Senectute."

For McPherson—A toy drum for use during drawing periods and an application to the "Boy Scouts."

Teacher—Pauline, put away the bottle and pay attention.

Repetition of Preliminary "B"—"Time Wasters."

Where is the Fire Sale? Some suits! Ask Prelim "B."

PRELIM. "C"**A Christmas Tail**

May the cat-egory of your Christmas joys furr-nish purr-fect a-mews-ment and be purr-sued without paws to the end of the cat-alogue.

Yours mew-ingly,

SANTA CLAUS.

During the past few days many letters have been sent to Santa Claus. Some of our most important wants are:—

For Ivy—A stenographer and mail carrier.

For Grace—Some "length" reducer.

For Ruth—A box of dynamite.

For Wilma—Eight bags of candy, eight bags of peanuts, lots of popcorn and anything else that that generous soul may see fit to bestow upon a person with an unusually big appetite.

For Vera—An experienced hairdresser.

Last but not least we hope that each and every member of Prel. C, whether possessor of a weak voice or not will be remembered with a megaphone. (This we solemnly hope for our teacher's sake.)

The girls of Prel. "C" the hair styles do set;

The rage at present is a "rag" and barette.

The Faculty reasons it spoileth a beauty

But since they have spoken, we think it our duty

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And a great day it will be;
Although we're very sad to say
It's our last day in the old "V. C."

To-morrow we have schedules,
And shields are handed out,
The ones we have tried to win
We lose without a doubt.

And then results are given out
Of exams we've tried to pass;
The lucky ones win honours
And some have failed, Alas!

We then begin to bid adieus
To all our dearest friends;
For after that comes holiday
When all our troubles end.

The Trio of Preliminary D

We read down through the ages,
Of friendships that stuck like glue:
Of Damon and Pythias,
Knights of King Arthur too,
But these are only fairy-tales,
The real are the things to see,
Now we have Fatt and Fox and Fraser
The Triumvirate of Prelim. D.

When it comes to Algebra
We can't quite catch their style,
In Latin French, and Euclid
They have us skinned a mile.

Now right through a Grammar period
They will never take a seat;
And where they find the things they say,
Has surely got us beat.
And in learning, how inferior
Were those ancient men you see,
We're proud of Fatt and Fox and Fraser
The Triumvirate of D.

Since the fierce Fox has frightened the noble Stagg away, the pupils have often remarked that the class has never been the same.

"I believe, Miss G——, you're a joke."

For some reason the class scribe, Dawson, has not given vent to much of his literary inspirations of late. It is to be hoped (?), however, that he will again take up his duties in the near future.

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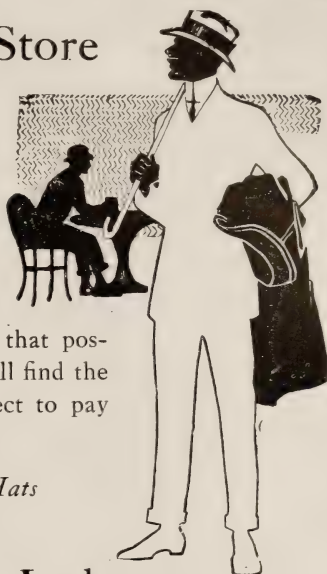
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PRELIMINARY "E"

Wanted by—

Tait—A collapsible desk to eat and sleep in.

Murray—Something so he cannot be seen.

McAdam—A hot water bottle.

Wood—An expert hair dresser.

Miss Middleton—A talking machine.

Miss Ormond—A wireless.

Marwick—A bottle of hair restorer.

Miss Milloy—Some article to put her arm on.

Waburn Steele is about to give a series of lectures in the morning on the well chosen topic, "How to escape the Detention Room." Large audiences are expected. No admission will be charged, but a collection will be taken to pay expenses.

A teacher thinks that Miss Taylor is on strike. She must be an intellectual suffragette.



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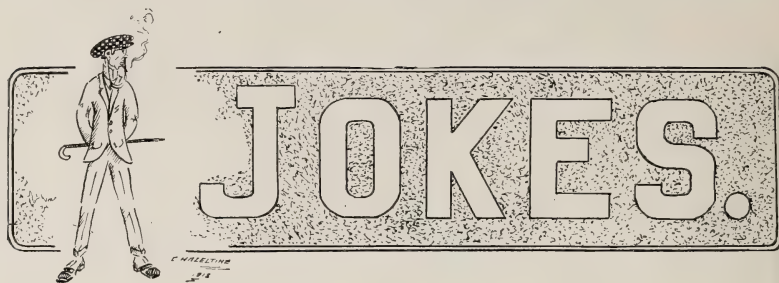
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First Gent—No! She wanted to go.

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Inspector—What can you tell me about the rings of Saturn?

Rroughneck Student—Nothin'! I ain't no bellhop.

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Climbing Out of a Hole

Jones observed a rather homely lady sitting on the other side of the room.

"For Heaven's sake!" he remarked to Robinson, "who is that extraordinarily ugly woman there?"

"That," said Robinson, "is my wife."

Jones was considerably taken aback, but he came to the front again with a rush.

"Well," he said persuasively, "you just ought to see mine!"

—New York Evening Post.

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Willie—Ma, what's that stuck in pa's throat?

Ma—That's your father's Adam's apple.

Willie—And did he swallow it green?

Ma—Don't be grotesque, my dear; your father wears a brass collar button.

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Yens came to his employer and said: "Boss, I like haf vacation." "But you don't want a vacation," answered the boss. "Yes, boss, I like haf vacation," repeated Yens. "What do you want with a vacation? If I give it to you, Yens, you'll go off and blow in all your money and come back broke. You had better stay at work." "I like haf vacation," stolidly averred Yens, "I bane get married, and I'd kinda like to be there."

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Enter the villain with a sneering laugh, "Hah! hah! Clara, I see a spy!" "A spy, what kind of spy?" "A min-spy!"

—Berlin Schmoakumblagatte.

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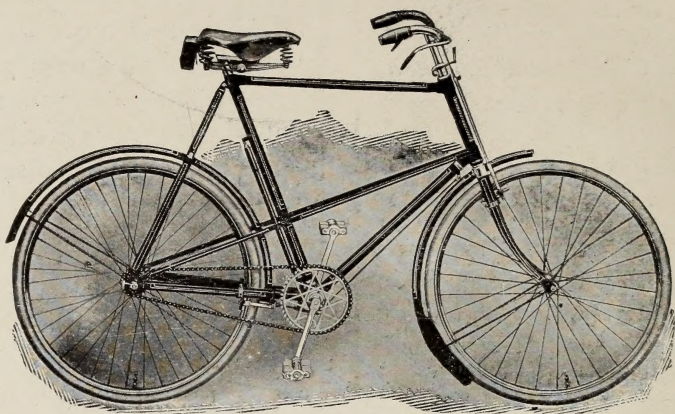
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